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In re application of:

David S. Comay, et al.) Confirmation No.: 4415
Serial No.: 10/767,118) Examiner: NYA
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For: MECHANISM FOR IMPLEMENTING A SPARSE FILE SYSTEM FOR AN
OPERATING SYSTEM PARTITION

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OF RELATED APPLICATION(S)

Sir:

Applicant(s) would like to bring to the Examiner's attention that the following applications,

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| 10/744,360 | 12/22/2003 | 15437-0588 |
| 10/763,147 | 1/21/2004 | 15437-0589 |
| 10/769,415 | 1/30/2004 | 15437-0591 |
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| 10/767,003 | 1/28/2004 | 15437-0593 |
| 10/762,067 | 1/20/2004 | 15437-0597 |
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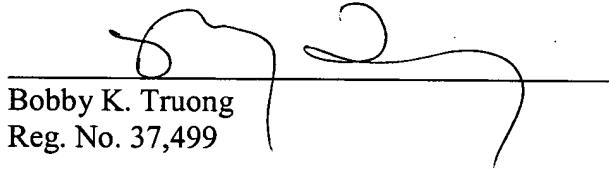
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Respectfully submitted,

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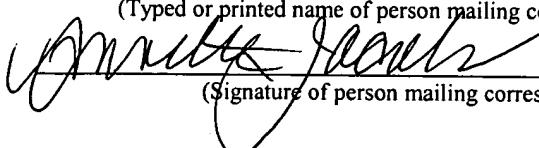

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